



Siblings graduate

The latest sibling class completed their course with Alice Koenig, L.V.N., patient educator and nurse educator at South Texas Medical Clinic, P.A. Graduates pictured, in no special order, are Kasey Fuchs, David and Colleen Mauch, Chelsea Benich, Kessie Brown, Christopher Young, Rachele Ramos, Samantha and Zachary Zahradnick, Hunt Todd, Ashley and Brittany Rives and Jennifer and Megan Martin.

The class helps children prepare for the advent of a new baby in their families. They received t-shirts and certificates from the class. The class included a visit to the labor and delivery rooms, post-partum and the nursery at Gulf Coast Medical Center.

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Sheridan presents smart awards

There were 176 smart awards given out to Sheridan students during the first six weeks of school.

Kindergarten awards went to Ben Kallina, Jarod Munoz, Ryan New, Chelsea Ray, Stephanie Smith, Jennifer Stiehler, Ashley Ticken and Tara Miranda.

First graders were Brian Avila, Stephanie Botard, Clayton Brown, Felicia Canu, Chad Garza, Erica Hearn, Julie Houser, Quindora Jones, Clifton Kazmir, Tyler Kloss, Justin Machart, Joe Lee Perez, Rachel Peterson, Tiffany Varley and Stuart Ray.

Second graders were Esteyon King, Zachary Kloss, Steven Moore, Marshall Peterson, Jennifer Munoz and Lauren Kasper.

Third graders were Krystal Boegeler, Jason Godley, Christine Jackson, Desi Rae Lowe, Travis Pittman, Felipe Rangel and Andrew Varley.

Fourth graders were Lakeisha Dawson, Kimberly Denley, Johnny Edds, Rachel Estrada, Bennie Glover, Amanda Labay, Heather Munoz, Ricardo Perez, Michael Poole and Elizabeth Tinsley.

Fifth graders were Robyn Alleyway, Lupe Avila, Isam Brisco, Natalie Brocker, Erica Cole, David Estrada,

Eric Kasper, Chris Machart, William Ross and Jennifer Hearn.

Sixth graders were Dustin Brisco, Chanda Coxwell, Virginia Edds, Erika Fuentes, Adrian Garcia, Teresa Pittman, Matthew Ray, Amanda Ross and Cody Thompson.

Seventh graders were Trish Chisum, Kevin Godley, David Houser, Michelle Kazmir, Nathan

Munoz, Thomas Pittman, David Rangel, Stacy Rodriguez, Johnny Slawinski, Dawn Wilganowski, Danielle Witte and Bo Vavrusa.

Eighth graders were Natesha Glover, Jenny Hajovsky, Carol Kazmir, Karen Kazmir, Laine La-bay, Keri McGaughey, Monte Peck, Pete Rangel, Misty Tesch and Stephanie Thompson.

Man, Wallis Vivian Willberg; Columbus: Carina Vuong & Baby Girl, Herminda Gonzalez & Baby Boy, Melanie Appelt & Baby Boy; Hallettsville: Peggy Pohl.

Did You Know... Historical fact about Eagle Lake: In 1917 our lake was used as a bombing station and target for trainees. Hear about this and more on the Rotary City Tour April 8-17.

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Heritage House News

By Patricia Bubela, Activity Director

Special thanks to White Cloud Baptist Church for providing worship services on March 6 and to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church for the worship service this past Sunday. Residents appreciate the fellowship, entertainment and Bible scriptures.

Last week, residents saw the movie "Steel Magnolias" starring Dolly Parton and Sally Field. Everyone had a good laugh over the feature and enjoyed refreshments of popcorn

and Dr. Pepper. I sincerely appreciate Jean Crawford, Bob Chapman and Jean McInerney for helping the last two weeks with Bingo for the residents. These three people are wonderful volunteers for our home. All the residents at Heritage House love to see them and visit with them.

We have a good time every Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Blakemore of Columbus who come

out for a sing-along with residents. Thank you for your gracious visits and entertainment.

Our sympathy is extended to the families of Augustine Ramirez and Willie Castle.

We had a special entertainment treat when Jason Keepers of Frelsburg came to sing German and Czech favorites for residents.

John Canaris introduced this young man to our residents. Everyone had a good time. They can hardly wait

until he visits our home again. The family of Augustine Ramirez gave beautiful plants to Heritage House. Thank you. They are lovely and brighten our home.

Erma Cloot enjoyed weekend visits from her great great niece, Amy Gibbons; great nieces, Elizabeth Thomas and Barbara Weisel; and great great nephew, Justin Weisel. They came from Louisiana and California to visit relatives in the area.

Programs to help with inhalant poison prevention

"Inhalants and Poisons: They're Right Under Your Nose" is to be presented in Rice schools during the week of March 20-26.

Colorado County Youth and Family Services Inc. (CCYFS) and the Texas Prevention Partnership are

sponsoring a week long awareness campaign to alert the public of the dangers and severity of inhalant abuse. Youth, 12-14 years old, are especially in danger.

The CCYFS will present information programs at middle schools in the Rice District. The presentations will include a video "The Silent Epidemic" with a short discussion.

Bonnie Howard said they will be at Garwood School Thursday, March 24, in the morning to speak to fifth through eighth graders. That afternoon at 12:35 they will give their presentation at Eagle Lake Middle School.

Friday, March 25, the program will be for Sheridan School sixth through eighth graders.

Parents are welcome to attend these programs. Contact the schools for the exact times.

Statistics indicate one in four Texas students has sniffed inhalants to get high by the time they reach seventh grade. Among legal products they abuse are spray paint and gasoline.

Statistics from a study by the University of Michigan mirrored those in Texas, showing inhalants to be the third most abused substance, after alcohol and tobacco, among 12-14 year old children.

Schools, community groups, drug

prevention and health professionals, churches, businesses and law enforcement as well as news media have all been recruited to help with the education campaign.

Nearly 300 cities in Texas as well as 30 other states are participating in the awareness campaign.

Eagle Lake daughter chosen for juried show

Lisa Frazar, daughter of Joe Jr. and Bunny Frazar of Eagle Lake, was recently notified that her painting, "Taylor", has been accepted for the 1994 Penn Charter Juried Art Show.

This will be the third showing of her art and will be held April 23 through May 1 in Philadelphia, Penn.

"Taylor" was painted by Frazar for her sister's baby's room and titled for its namesake, Taylor Green. Taylor is the daughter of Dr. Kathy Frazar-

Green and Phillip Green of Bellaire, Texas.

According to a letter she received, her painting was selected out of over 300 applicants to be exhibited along with approximately 45 other artists in the 1994 show.

Frazar's art was included in a show called "Women in the Arts" in Virginia recently and will be part of an upcoming show in New York City, where she now resides.

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man, gave a brief introduction and (See Plan, Page 9)

Extension program council begins long range planning

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Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge

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veloped from the bark of yew, a native tree of the Pacific Northwest. Chemicals used to treat diseases of the nerve tissue have been found in an endangered plant in Hawaii. These important resources could be lost forever if species become extinct.

A third important reason is the preservation of historic and cultural values. The slaughter of the American bison (buffalo) during the 1800s practically exterminated the Native American culture on the Great Plains as well. It has been noted that Texas Plains Indians mimicked the courtship dance of the Attwater's Prairie Chicken. With the loss of this bird forever, this culture's heritage also would be lost forever.

Lastly, endangered species, and all wildlife, are a thrill to watch and enjoy. The shriek of school children watching a whooping crane conduct its courtship dance will echo for several generations to come.

Could you imagine what a field would be like without wildflowers blooming in the spring? Life would not be the same without them.

As of Sept. 1990, there were over 1,100 species and subspecies listed as threatened or endangered in the world. About half of these were in the United States.

Today's numbers have not decreased. The importance of saving endangered and threatened species has become a worldwide environmental priority.

It is time that we, as humans, begin to live in harmony with other creatures with which we share this earth for the benefit of all generations to follow. Remember, extinction is forever.

Starring in the Dan Goggin musical comedy are Kathy Harris as Mother Superior of the convent Mary Regina, Susan McBee as Sister Robert Anne, Terri Edwards as Sister Mary Amnesia, Serena Kershner as Sister

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Nicholas Esposito, killed Oct. 13, 1989 at 8:25 pm.

Next time your friend insists on driving drunk, do whatever it takes to stop him. Because if he kills innocent people, how will you live with yourself?

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Flying under the big top

"Queen of the Big Top," Lolita Adair, will bring her impressive troupe of trapeze artists to Eagle Lake to perform with the King Royal Bros. Circus Thursday, March 17.

King Bros. Circus Photo

SPORTS

Jr. High Raiders place at Sealy Relays

The Rice junior high boys' track teams made a good showing at the Sealy Relays last weekend.

The eighth grade boys placed third with 119 points Friday, March 11. They just missed second place by 2 points. It went to host Sealy with 121 points. Coaches Bennie Machac and Dennis Jackson expressed their pride in the team's performance and the effort by each member.

The seventh graders placed fourth with 66-1/2 points. "Our kids competed much better this week," Coach Jackson commented of their performance.

Eighth grade results
2400m run: first, place, Nicholas Teague, 8:49.06; second, Juan Rodriguez, 8:52.30; sixth, Fulton Dromgoole, 9:46.71.

1600m run: first, Teague, 5:29.54; third, Hodges, 5:34.84; fourth, Rodriguez, 5:37.01.

800m run: third, Pete Rangel, 2:23.44; fifth, Horace Hodges, 2:26.38; Dromgoole, 2:44.01.

400m run: third, Rangel, 62.01; Charly LeBouef, no time.

100 dash: third, Kendrick Pipkins, 12.51.

400m relay: first, Hollis Shorter, Jarmarcus Brooks, Joshua Godley, Pipkins, 50.98.

1600m relay: third, Pipkins, Rangel, Shorter, Hodges, 4:16.21.

300 hurdles: second, Shorter, 47.91.

Shot put: Pipkins, 34' 4".

Discus: Pipkins, 87' 3".

High jump: second, LeBouef, 5' 2"; fifth, Godley, 5'0"; Brooks, 4' 6".

Long jump: seventh, Shorter, 16' 9"; Dromgoole, no place.

Triple jump: third, Rangel, 34' 9"; seventh, Shorter, 31' 2".

Seventh grade results
2400m run: third, Richard Vargas, 9:21.56; Thomas Marsalia, 10:34.61.

1600m run: fourth, Vargas, 5:56.01; sixth, Marsalia, 6:31.02; seventh, Johnny Slawinski, 6:31.04.

400m run: David Rangel, fourth,

63.78; fifth, Jay Knight, 64.79; Warren Scott, 79.24.

100 dash: sixth, Kevin Godley, 13.89; Chad Kallina, 14.19; Matt Milente, 14.99.

200m run: fifth, Godley, 29.05; sixth, Kallina, 29.52; Milente, 31.18.

400m relay: fourth, Godley, Rangel, Sean Lopez, George Deville, 53.03.

1600m relay: third, Lopez, Rangel, Knight, Vargas, 4:22.76.

110 hurdles: fifth, Scott, 19.64; sixth, Barrett Thomas, 21.07.

300 hurdles: Thomas, 57.06; Deville, 67.78.

Shot put: Milente, 28' 1"; Ralph Gerson, 26' 2"; Knight, 25' 9".

Discus: third, Scott, 96' 10"; sixth, Knight, 80' 8"; Lopez, 75' 6".

High jump: second, Deville, 5' 2"; Thomas, Slawinski.

Triple jump: fifth, Thomas, 29' 8-1/2"; sixth, Vargas, 28' 8".

The tracksters are on Spring Break

this week. The next meet for the junior high teams will be Saturday, March 26, at the Columbus Relays.

Little League coaches to meet, workdays, tryouts are planned

The Eagle Lake Little League has set a meeting for coaches and those who want to coach. They will meet Monday, March 21, at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

There will be four consecutive workdays at the field next week. All

those involved in Little League are urged to help March 22, 23, 24 and 25. Contact John Young at 234-3393 for details about the work needed.

Tryouts will be held during that time also. The girls major league softball tryouts are scheduled for Thurs-

day, March 24, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Minor league baseball tryouts will be March 25 at 6 p.m. with the major league tryouts to follow.

Pro/Am Golf Tournament to benefit Women's Crisis Center

The Matagorda County Women's Crisis Center will hold its first Pro-Am Golf Tournament March 25 at the Rio of Colorado Golf Course in Bay

City. The shotgun start is set for 12 noon.

Professional golfers from the PGA South Texas Section and area amateur golfers are invited to play in the tournament.

A \$75 donation from amateurs and \$65 from professionals is required to enter. The price includes green fees, cart rental, range balls and a barbecue dinner after play.

The team format will be one professional with three amateurs. The winning team will be determined by one low gross and one low net.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the crisis center and all donations are tax deductible.

For additional information about the tournament, contact Candace Oswald at 409-245-9109.

League play begins the week of April 11. Contact the recreation dept. at 409-532-2491 for additional information.

begin at 7 p.m. The annual event is cosponsored by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

Tickets for the banquet are \$5 a person. To order tickets call the El Campo Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture at 409-543-2713.

The Texas Big Game awards for Region 7 are to be given at the annual banquet Saturday, March 26, in the El Campo Civic Center. About 5